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Dear Jeanne Jugan Community,

The RI Department of Health filed a new emergency regulation that requires long term care facility to deny entrance to any visitors who do not provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. For visitors who are not vaccinated against COVID-19, proof of a negative PCR Covid 19 test completed within the previous 72 hours or proof of a negative test result from a point-of-care rapid antigen test (e.g., Binax NOW) completed within the previous 48 hours must be provided to the staff prior to entry. Additionally, a visitor **MUST** keep a mask on throughout the duration of a visit with a resident.

The RI Department of Health anticipates that this new regulation will be time-limited. The number of COVID cases are increasing sharply in RI due to the virulent Omicron variant. Please plan prior to visiting the Home and consider video/telephone visit until the transmission rates begin to decline.

We will continue to keep you with RI Department of Health regulations and guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

*Mother Patricia Metzgar*

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